

**November 15, 2012**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**5:30 p.m.**

Mayor Robert Scow opened the public hearing to the public regarding the proposed 2013 budget for the City of Alma.

Hearing no testimony for or against the proposed 2013 budget for the City of Alma, Mayor Scow closed the hearing at 5:59 p.m.

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**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Robert Scow called the regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Alma to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Linda Torgerson took roll call with the following members present: Mayor Robert Scow, Robert J. Oium, Gary Ruff, Monica Moham, Larry Farl, Mary Johnson, Jim Wilkie and David Earney.

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to approve the Special Council meeting minutes of Oct. 11, 2012 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to approve the Council Proceeding minutes of Oct. 11, 2012 as presented. All members voting yes.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Moham to approve the Financial Report as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All members voting yes.

Citizen comments: No citizens present.

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Wilkie went over the committee minutes of November 8, 2012. Items discussed and/or acted upon were the following:

- DNR water inspection report
- Reservoir repair
- Well house repair/replacement
- Commercial cross connection control reports
- Culvert at the Richard Champeny residence on Riverview Drive
- Speed sign
- Stairway step projects
- Museum handicap ramp railing

Wilkie informed the Council that an engineer from Davy Engineering will be looking at the reservoir and well house repairs and will provide the City with estimates. Wilkie reported that the commercial cross connection control reporting with WI DNR has been resolved.

Wilkie reported that the committee met with Richard Champeny regarding his request to extend a culvert from Riverview Drive when it is replaced. Wilkie informed Champeny that he would have to provide the City with an easement prior to this request being approved.

Wilkie reported that Foreman Burce and Police Chief Todd Ritscher have presented locations to install posts for the digital speed sign.

Lisa Fleming and Phil Johnson of Ayres Associates presented their proposal for doing the stairway projects in the City of Alma.

Johnson showed the Council photos of samples of stairways built with other material than concrete such as wood, wood and concrete combination.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to approve the contract with Ayres Associates for the stairway step projects. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Discussion was held and it was concurred that a committee of 10 to 12 people be established to assist the representatives from Ayres Associates in the design and materials for the stairway step projects. Ayres will then present the council with a couple of conceptual drawings and costs estimates for approval.

Motion by Moham seconded by Wilkie to approve Resolution #12-06 – Resolution for Fire Protection Forgiveness. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Ruff to approve the Utilities Committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

### **FINANCE/TAX & LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Scow thanked the entire council for the wonderful work they did in their committees in presenting figures for the 2013 budget.

Oium informed the Council that the committee had met and recommended amending the proposed budget by increasing park revenues by \$1,000 and increasing police outlay vehicles by \$1,000.

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to amend the 2013 budget by increasing park revenues by \$1,000 and increasing the police outlay vehicle line item by \$1,000. All members voting yes.

Motion by Oium seconded by Wilkie to approve the 2013 budget for the City of Alma as amended. All members voting yes.

Oium informed the Council that he will be speaking with Jack Ebben, attorney for Secluded Land Company, regarding possible amendments to the R-4 zoning district.

Motion by Farl seconded by Ruff to approve the Finance/Tax & License committee report as presented. All members voting yes.

### **AMBULANCE BOARD LIAISON**

Ruff informed the Council that the Ambulance Board met on October 25, 2012. Ruff reported that the ambulance is having trouble with coverage during the daytime hours.

### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Wilkie reported that the committee met and approved a building permit for Bryan Hoch for a roof for his home and siding for a shed.

### **BUFFALO RIVER/BEEF SLOUGH COMMITTEE**

Attorney Seifert informed the Council that the City has provided the DNR with a listing as they requested and recommends a “wait and see” approach at this time.

Mayor comments:

Mayor Scow again thanked the council for the wonderful job they did with the budget this year.

Mayor Scow announced the Police Chief Todd Ritscher received a \$4,000 equipment grant for participating in the “Drive Sober or get pulled Over” WI DOT project. Scow complimented Ritscher on receiving the grant.

Next council meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a public hearing for a couple of parking ordinance amendments held that same evening at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Oium seconded by Farl to adjourn. All members voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.